(c) Appropriate treatment for opportunistic ailments is available to AIDS patients at government hospitals without discrimination.

**Loan from World Bank to Control Blindness**

7731. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approached the World bank for a loan for assisting intensive blindness control programme in seven States;

(b) if so, what is the total amount the World Bank has been asked to provide;

(c) what are the names of the States where the amount will be utilised;

(d) whether Government have also decided to upgrade the existing facilities in districts in the country which have been identified as poor in performance;

(e) if so, what are the States where these districts are located;

(f) whether it is also a fact that 11 area projects are being implemented in 15 States; and

(g) by when the World Bank has agreed to provide the loan for control of blindness in India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (e): The World Bank has agreed to provide a credit of US $ 117.8 million for Cataract Blindness Control Project in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Orissa.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Yes, Sir. At present 11 IPP (Indian Population Project) Area projects are being implemented in 16 States and Union Territory of Delhi.

(g) The period of the project is seven years commencing from 1994-95.

**Admission in Medical Colleges as per Supreme Court's Judgement**

7732. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued guidelines for admission to medical Colleges as per the Supreme Court judgement;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Universities which run Medical Colleges are exempted from collecting capitation fee and if so, what are the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c): The guidelines regulating admission and fee in private professional medical colleges are under active consideration of the Government.

**Adverse Effects of Certain Medicines**

7733. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Pioneer" of 23rd May, 1994 under the caption, "Analgin can cause fatel disorder";

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and what are the details of such medicines; and

(c) what remedial steps Government have taken or propsoe to take to give a wide publicity about the ill effects of

these medicines and to remove their side effects?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The studies carried out by Beston University have ruled out any adverse effect on Analgin as compared to other pain killer drug. The drugs Technical Advisory Board, a statutory body under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, have examined these studies in detail and opined against benning Analgin.

Analgin is a drug to be dispensed against the prescription of 3 Registered Medical Practitioner. The possible adverse reactions of the drug are highlighted in the package-insert.

**Proposal to increase age of Superannuation of Professors in Medical Colleges**

7734. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal from Medical Council of India to increase the superannuation age of Professors in Medical Colleges to 62 years;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is a shortage of experienced Professors to teach in Medical Colleges; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take an early decision on the recommendations of the Medical Council of India, to enhance the superannuation age to 62 years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The Medical Council of India had proposed that extension or reemployment be given to medical teachers up to the age of 65 years to enable colleges to overcome shortage of teachers particularly in certain pre and para-clinical subject. The Council has been informed that the age of retirement has to be determined by the concerned employers keeping in view their respective organisation needs.

**Spread of Gastroenteritis in the Country**

7735. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the onset of summer the dreaded gastroenteritis has spread in empidemic form in various parts of the country ailingmany persons particularly the children;

(b) if so, what are the States and Union territory-wise details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken to prevent the spread of this disease and contain it in the affected parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Report regarding outbreak of Gastroenteritis during the present summer season have been received from some parts of the country.

(b) Detailed State/UT wise information is not available.

(c) The measures normally taken by the health authorities to check these disease are:

1. Provision of safe drinking water.
2. Improvement of food and personal hygiene.
3. Safe disposal of human excreta, garbage, refuse etc.
4. Appropriate Health Education.
5. Surveillance and continuous monitoring.
6. Distribution of chlorine tablets and ORS packets etc.